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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 2/14/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Satoh does not anticipate the claims because 1) the slot opening is not in contact with the cleaning medium and 2) the wetted portion of the cleaning medium is not revolved away from contact with the slot opening and toward the surface. Examiner disagrees.
2. The applicant merely states that Satoh does not disclose or anticipate the claim language and fails to give comprehensive arguments comparing the disclosed structure of Satoh with the claimed structure. For example, the structure constitutes a slot *opening* is not described. The examiner interprets an opening as a void space, as it does *not* clearly point to a structure of the apparatus. Clearly, Satoh discloses a void space comprising an opening in part 5 that contacts the brush. As shown by the arrow in figure 1, the brush is wetted, subjected to the vacuum by contact with the void space of the port 5, and then rotated to brush the floor. Thus, Satoh anticipates the claim language.
3. If the applicant wants to differentiate the claims of the instant application from Satoh, the claims must present further structural limitations. For example, one way to claim that the slot contacts the brush would be to claim *a lip or an edge of the slot* in contact with the brush. These structures are concrete, as opposed to an opening which is a void space.